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Sent: Sunday, March 29, 2015 9:05 PM
To: JudTestimony
Subject: Desmond's Law HB 6187

To whom it may concern:

My name is Jason Blackson, a resident of Stratford, CT, and I am writing you to express my support of HB 6187 An Act Concerning Court Proceedings and The Protection of Animals.

The necessity of a law like Desmond's Law is so important on multiple fronts. All too often in circumstances of animal cruelty or abuse, the facts of a case are presented as dismissive or inconsequential. The truth of the matter is that these crimes have far reaching consequences.

It is a very well documented fact that any person who commits a crime against an animal is likely to commit a crime against a person. If the facts of an animal abuse case could be presented in the way for which they truly are (a crime), then the egregiousness of the act would be taken much more seriously. Since an animal obviously cannot present itself in court, here is an opportunity for advocate to present the humane side of a crime. I have witnessed firsthand how these crimes are dismissed because the victim of the offense was "just an animal" but I'm asking you to take into consideration the far reaching ramifications of such a blase attitude.

Once again, I fully support Desmond's Law and I ask you to do the same.

I thank you for your time and if I can be of any service at all on this matter please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jason Blackson